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SUBJECT: COUNTRY STUDIES ON NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT COORDINATING
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1. WE APPLAUD INR'S PROJECT, ARE GRATEFUL THAT GUYANA HAS BEEN
USED AS MODEL, WHICH SAVES US SOME WORK, AND GENERALLY APPROVE
OF FORMAT AND CONTENT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS OR
SUGGESTIONS.

2. FIRST, GUYANA IS NOT NON-ALIGNED. IT IS A MEMBER OF THE NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) AND IS NOT PRESENTLY SUBSERVIENT TO THE
SOVIET UNION, BUT PM BURNHAM HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED A MARXIST-
LENINIST DEVELOPMENT PATH AND THE GOG IDENTIFIES ITS INTERESTS,
ACTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL VOTES WITH THOSE OF THE RADICAL SOCIALIST
STATES, ESPECIALLY CUBA AND INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION. WE
THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT LAST SENTENCE PARA 6 BE MODIFIED TO
READ QUOTE IS NOT OFFICIALLY ALIGNED WITH ANY MAJOR BLOC UNQUOTE
AND THAT PARA 8 BE MODIFIED TO INSERT QUOTE OFFICIAL POLICY OF
SO-CALLED UNQUOTE BEFORE NON-ALIGNMENT.

2. IN PARA 10, LARGELY FOR REASONS OF RACIAL AFFINITY, THE
DOMINANT BLACKMINORITY IN THE GOG,PARTICULARLY PM BURNHAM AND
FONMIN WILLS, CONSIDER OVERTURNING THE WHITE MINORITY REGIMES OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA AS ONE OF GUYANA'S TWO MOST IMPORTANT SPECIFIC
AND IMMEDIATE FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS, RANKING ONLY AFTER MAINTAININ

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TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY (BORDER DISPUTES) AND BEFORE THE ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN IMPORTANCE. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST INCLUSION OF THAT GOAL WITH ABOVE PHRASEOLOGY RATHER THAN LISTING IT UNDER PARA 11 IN Milder CONTEXT OF COMBATING APARTHEID.

3. IN FIRST ITEM PARA 12, SUGGEST SUBSTITUTING QUOTE USING GUYANA'S INFLUENCE IN NAM TO ENHANCE ITS LEADERSHIP PRETENSIONS WITH OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AND TO ATTRACT THEM AWAY FROM CAPITALIST AND PRO-WESTERN ORIENTATION UNQUOTE FOR PRESENT TEXT.

4. MODIFY PARANTHETICAL PHRASE IN FIRST SENTENCE PARA 15 TO READ QUOTE THE ONLY COUNTRY OTHER THAN CHILE WITH WHICH BURNHAM DOES NOT SEEK CORRECT RELATIONS UNQUOTE. FONMIN WILLS ONLY THIS WEEK PUBLICLY REITERATED GUYANA'S DELIBERATE HOSTILITY TO CHILE. FURTHERMORE, TO LABEL BURNHAM'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GUATEMALA, BRAZIL, SOUTH KOREA, ETC. AS SEEKING FRIENDLY RELATIONS SEEMS AN OVER-STATEMENT. RE NEXT SENTENCE, WE COUNT THREE VERIFIED REFUELING STOPS FOR CUBAN PLANES TO OR FROM ANGOLA IF THE ONE POSSIBLY UNPLANNED LANDING ON JAN 23 WITH SUBSEQUENT REFUELING IS INCLUDED.

5. SUGGEST RE-WORD PARA 25 AS FOLLOWS: WHILE BURNHAM MAY HAVE TEMPORARILY TRIMMED HIS SAILS AS RESULT OF CUBAN-ANGOLA FALLOUT, WE DOUBT THAT HE WILL ALTER SUBSTANTIALLY HIS THRUST TOWARD CLOSER COLLABORATION WITH CUBA. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE BRAZILIAN AND VENEZUELAN ACTIVITIES AIMED AT GUYANA, BUT HE SEES CUBA AS HIS MOST LIKELY AND MOST EFFECTIVE SOURCE OF SUPPORT. ALTHOUGH IN PAST CRISES HE LOOKED PRIMARILY TO THE US FOR SUCCOR, HE NOW REGARDS THE US AS LEANING TOWARD HOSTILITY AND AS ENCOURAGING HIS NEIGHBORS TO ENGAGE IN QUOTE DESTABILIZATION UNQUOTE.

6. WE WOULD REGARD HYPOTHESIS SET FORTH IN PARA 26 AS REMOTE POSSIBILITY
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